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Chairman Boutelle's Views Con-
cerning the Public.

OUR NAVY'S MISFORTUNE

With an Apologist at Its Head, a Man
Whose Complaint for the Public
Finds Expression in Vulgarities
Banks Legislation in Congress—
Long's Speedy Recovery.

People in the Navy Department pri-
vately are pointing out under the
two recent utterances of the naval
authorities of the Government:

"The element of Spanish responsibility
has been eliminated practically."—Hon.
John B. Long, Secretary of the Navy.
"The public can go to the devil."—Hon.
Charles A. Boutelle, chairman of the
Committee on Naval Affairs of the House.

The Secretary of the Navy issued the
first pronouncement on Tuesday and the
chairman of the House committee the
second on the same day. It will be noted
that Mr. Boutelle, newly paroled from
the late William H. Vanderbilt's famous
explosive.

The comment on these two remarks
taken together is that the tradition of
the United States that its Navy is a magnifi-
cent thing is not well sustained by the
people at present in authority.

There is a feeling quite generally ex-
pressed privately in the Navy that if As-
sistant Secretary Roosevelt were at the
head of the Navy Department at this
supreme moment there would be a differ-
ent attitude within its domain even if
he were not able to influence the entire
Administration. Mr. Roosevelt is intensely
and aggressively patriotic but he is
equally loyal to official authorities, and as
his position and his good and keep
long as he is content to Mr. Long there
will be nothing from him, it is asserted
by his friends, that has the slightest
element of disloyalty to his chief. If Mr.
Roosevelt finds that he cannot longer hold
his position, and do any good and keep
in line with his convictions he will resign.
This time may come when the peace at
any price policy has held sway to a little
greater extent of compromise.

The incident of Secretary Long's ill-
ness last week and sudden recovery is
referred to by Navy Department people with
much interest in this connection. The
meaning of the Secretary's quick recovery
from his acute fatigue has been
learned.

On Friday of last week, at the Cab-
inet meeting, Mr. Long announced that
he was very well with the excitement and
hard work of recent events. Presi-
dent McKinley personally requested him
to take a rest. It was decided that the
Secretary should not even return to the
Navy Department that day, and that
he should take a vacation until yester-
day, which had been set as the day for
the next Cabinet meeting.

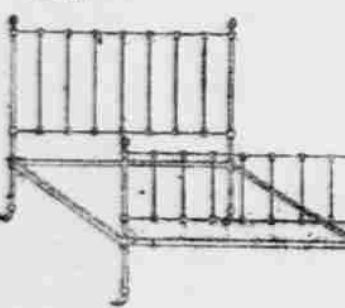
Early the next morning, however, Sec-
retary Long appeared quite unexpected-
ly. He gave out the information that he
was feeling much better and had decided
to give up his vacation. Mr. Roosevelt
assisted Secretary Long. It is now
said, was responsible for this lightning
change of program. Mr. Roosevelt had
been left in charge of the department.
During the few hours over night he had
started into operation more preparations
for war than the department has seen in
all its experience under Secretary Long.
There were conferences and telegrams
in large numbers. Orders were issued
and plans framed that were of the ut-
most importance to the welfare of the
country in the event of war.

Secretary Long was much distressed
that anything of this kind should be per-
mitted to take place, and gave up his
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afford to sell them at any
such price as a regular
thing.

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BUSINESS RELATIONS SEVERED.

Washington, Fifth No Longer Corres-
pondents of Moore & Schley.
New York, March 2.—Moore & Schley,
brokers, have thrown over and broken
off all business relations with their Wash-
ington correspondents, Carson & Mac-
carty. Moore & Schley are among the
biggest brokers in the world, and the firm
has more far-reaching business dealings
and Washington people than any other
firm in this country. Mr. Schley said to
a reporter, in explaining the situation:
"It is true that Mr. Macartney is no
longer our regular Washington corre-
spondent. The change occurred several
days ago, and was not due to the pre-
sent attitude of the Administration to-
ward Spain nor to any war rumors or
speculations whatever."
"Mr. Macartney is now the correspond-
ent of Van Emburgh & Atterbury, a very
good firm. I suppose Mr. Macartney's
agency. We are still doing business with
him, and our relations have not ceased
entirely. We still have a wire running to
his office. We shall not establish an
office of our own in Washington. We will,
however, make an early connection
there."
The Washington firm was the one
through whom United States senators
operated in Sugar and other stocks they
could influence.

SPANIARDS SHOULD REJOICE.

This Argues El Nacional About the
Maine's Destruction.

New York, March 2.—Madrid papers of
the day of the Maine disaster have been
received here. El Nacional said: "The
humble feelings of our people were recalled
through the loss of the Maine, but we shall not
concentrate on the disaster, but we shall not
forget that once this duty of all Christian
souls has been fulfilled, the general impres-
sion was one of rejoicing."
"It is true but natural and human that
in seeing that flag sink with the Maine
into the sandy bottom of Havana Bay,
the Spanish people should rejoice at the
event which, however accidental, has
relieved them of their grievance."

"This sentiment may also account for
all the eloquent phrases, the witty sallies
and spirited comments of the day regard-
ing an accident which, under any other
circumstances, would surely have de-
served much consideration."

GAS BURNER WIDE OPEN.

Two Japanese Officials Victims of
Ignorance of Illuminating Gas.

San Francisco, March 2.—Two Japa-
nese officials nearly fell victims to their
ignorance of illuminating gas here last
night.

W. Tarkenton, the newly appointed Japa-
nese consul at Chicago and T. H. H. H., im-
perial naval constructor, on his way to
Philadelphia to superintend the construction
of Japanese war vessels in Cramp's
ship yard, arrived here on the steamer
Doric. They went to the Occidental
Hotel and took a room, retiring about
6 o'clock, as they tired with sleep. An
hour later a clerk passing the room
noticed the odor of gas, and obtaining
response to his knocks, had the door
opened. Both Japanese were in bed and
breathing heavily and the room was
filled with gas, which was escaping from a
wide-open gas burner.

After several hours' work the men were
pronounced out of immediate danger.

BIG INDUSTRIAL BOOM.

Southern Capitalists Heavily Inter-
ested in North Carolina Characters.

Raleigh, N. C., March 2.—During the
past week three big cotton companies
took out charters in this State. One, the
Durham Hosiery Mills Company, will op-
erate the largest plant of its kind in the
State. Col. Julian S. Carr, the millionaire
tobacco manufacturer, of Durham, is the
vice president of the company. About
\$2,000,000 will be invested.
Another similar plant chartered within
the last few days is to be built at Kinston,
and the third, the Kinston Cotton Manu-
facturing Company, of Troy, Montgom-
ery County, with one exception the in-
corporators of the company are mem-
bers of one family, three of whom are
women.

TUGS FOR DISPATCH SERVICE.

A Railroad's Ocean Boat May Be
Equipped for Duty.

New York, March 2.—The ocean-going
tug Sanford, of the Delaware, Lacka-
wanna and Western Railroad Company,
which is distinguished among the river
and harbor craft as the only tug painted
white, will be sent to the Brooklyn navy-
yard tomorrow at the request of the
Navy Department. It is rumored that
the Government will buy the Sanford, arm
her with Driggs-Schneider rapid-de-
rive and send her to Key West for ser-
vice as a dispatch boat.

SPAIN'S PURCHASE DENIED.

Chilean Government Refuses to Dis-
pose of Battleships.

London, March 2.—The Chilean charge
d'affaires today said that Spain had offered
double the price that the ironclads
President Errazuriz, President Pinto and
Esmeralda had cost Chile, but, according
to his latest information, his government
still refuses to sell the vessels.

A Chilean battleship is now in the Tyne
ready to sail in a fortnight. No less than
six powers have been bidding for these
Chilean ships. Russia has been the most
urgent in her desire to obtain them.

Death of Mrs. Minor.

Fredericksburg, Va., March 2.—Mrs. Ann
Ellis Minor, widow of the late Capt.
George Minor, a distinguished officer of
the United States and Confederate Na-
vies, died at her home here last night
of hemorrhage of the lungs. The de-
ceased was the oldest native of this city
and her family was one of the most promi-
nent in the State. By marriage she was
also a relative of Mrs. Gen. Cook, of
Richmond. Her father, Mr. R. S. Chew,
was clerk for a number of years of the
city and county courts, and was from a
family of revolutionary fame. She was
born in 1809 and had been a member of
the Presbyterian Church since early youth.

An Annapolis Scrap.

Annapolis, Md., March 2.—Two naval cadets, one a
member of the third and the other of the fourth
class, settled their differences today by a fight.
The third class man had attempted to kiss the
lower class man, who objected. There was a club-
bing, and black eyes resulted from the meeting.

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INTERVENTION POSTPONED

European Diplomats Say It
Was Set for March 1.

MAINE DISASTER PREVENTS

President McKinley Considers the
Spanish Murder of Our Seamen an
Excuse for Delaying Action—In
Case of War Spain Would Be Isolated.

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London, March 2.—It is the general
opinion of diplomats in this and other
capitals that the disaster to the battle-
ship Maine, in Havana Bay, is having the
effect to postpone instead of to hasten the
intervention of the United States in Cuba.
Every European power received several
weeks ago a frank, though informal, state-
ment of the American intentions in regard
to the Cuban situation, and it may be
added without reserve that the policy
thus disclosed met with no European op-
position.

This policy, as understood by the Brit-
ish foreign office and outlined by a British
diplomatist in discussing the subject three
days ago, is as follows:

The United States since last summer
has been insisting that Spain must re-
store peace in Cuba. Finally, the Sa-
gasta cabinet was given to understand
that unless peace was within sight by
March 1 the United States would actively
intervene. This, while not technically an
ultimatum, because it was not part of the
formal diplomatic correspondence, was, in
effect, nothing less. The Spanish govern-
ment so understood it, and so did every
channeler in Europe.

No European power gave any sign of
willingness to protest in behalf of Spain,
though the Spanish government at first
hoped to secure at least the "friendly of-
fices" of Austria or France to induce the
United States to refrain from interven-
tion.

The attitude of Great Britain has been
particularly disappointing to Spain, be-
cause, while not endorsing the American
policy in any way, it has been clearly in-
dicated that England would refuse to
hamper in any manner President McKin-
ley in enforcing his peace policy in Cuba.

It is well known in the diplomatic world
that Spain has been using every effort
during the past five or six weeks to gain
two months' additional time. Prime Min-
ister Sagasta urged that if the United
States will restrain her hands until May,
after which military operations will be
impossible in Cuba, until after the close
of the rainy season, hostilities will never
be resumed by the insurgents.

This was the situation when the Maine
disaster changed everything. It is now
recognized that the Maine affair is an
almost diplomatic embarrassment for the
moment to the United States as it is to
Spain. The crisis which would have arisen
this week was unknown to the world
at large, and therefore Mr. McKinley is
unable to act according to his original plan
without creating the appearance of acting
prematurely, perhaps unjustly, upon the
Maine affair. Hence the disaster in Ha-
vana harbor must temporarily favor
Spain's desire for delay.

There can be no doubt whatever that
the time fixed by the United States within
which Spain must furnish practical as-
surance of the restoration of peace in Cu-
ba has now expired.

The correspondence of the New York Sun
and Washington Times is in a position to
maintain the accuracy of the foregoing,
notwithstanding any denial that may be
made.

NO MORE BODIES.

The Sea Refuses to Give Up All
Its Dead.

Havana, via Key West, March 2.—A
correspondent was informed by Capt.
Sigbee (this morning that he was begin-
ning to despair of recovering any more
bodies from the Maine.

The Spanish divers spent only fifteen
minutes this morning inside the Maine's
hull. At noon they descended again and
remained half an hour under the water.

Senator Proctor and Col. Parker returned
this afternoon from Matanzas City.
When they passed by Campo Florido, a
station near Havana, they met and se-
verely wounded Spanish soldiers borne on
stretchers. They asked what had occurred
and learned from the Spanish sol-
diers themselves that an insurgent had
taken place shortly before their arrival,
not far from there.

Mrs. Clara Bartlett returned today from
Matanzas and other towns, which she
visited in order to give relief to the com-
munications. Her report about the situation
meantime, shocking details. She
said to The Washington Times correspond-
ent:

"Words cannot describe the misery I
have seen."

ANXIETY AT NEW ORLEANS.

City Council Asks the Protection
of a Battleship.

New Orleans, March 2.—By a vote of
all but three of the members the city
council has asked the President and Sec-
retary of the Navy to send a man-of-war
to New Orleans to protect the city in
the event of a war with Spain.

The popular sentiment here is that
Spain would make a rush for New Or-
leans in the event of war, so as to strike
the first blow, and the fortifications and
coal defenses are in no condition here
to meet a hostile fleet. It could only be
rescued by stopping up the passes by
sinking a vessel in front and this would
cause great commercial damage.

Mr. Bailey's Expenses Paid.

Richmond, Va., March 2.—The expenses
of the trip of Hon. Joseph W. Bailey to
Richmond when he addressed the legis-
lature for three hours on the silver ques-
tion will be paid by the State, the legis-
lature having decided by its refusal to
adopt a resolution to the contrary that
such action would be proper.

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Tom L. Johnson's Latest Enterprise.

Lansing, Mich., March 2.—Tom L. John-
son, of Cleveland and New York, and
Albert Pack, of Detroit, yesterday con-
summated a deal whereby they come into
the Detroit Real Estate property and fran-
chise.

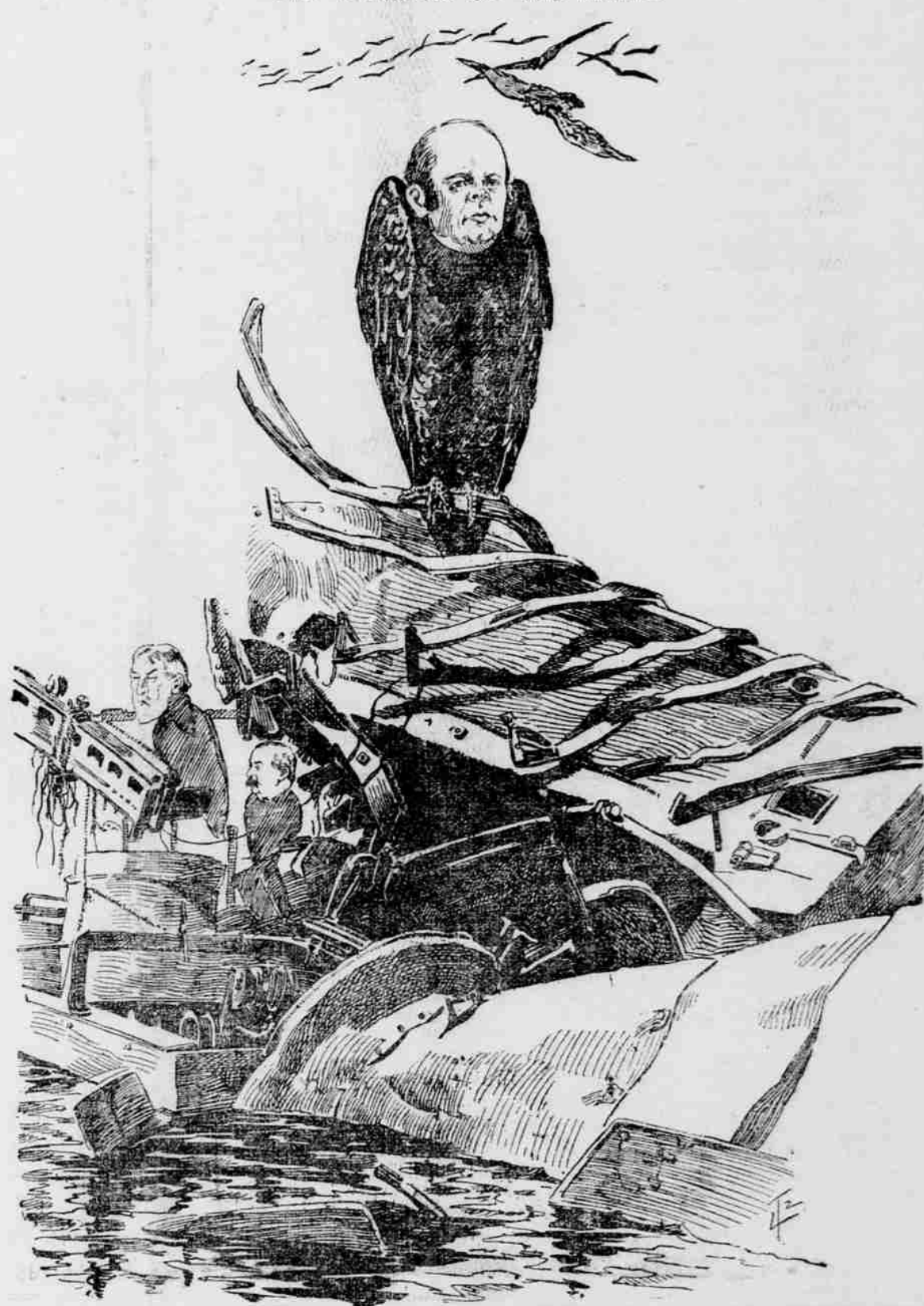
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THE VULTURES ON THE MAINE.



SPAIN'S SINISTER POLICY.

She Will Appoint a Board of In-
quiry for Purposes of Delay.

Havana, via Key West, March 2.—The
Spanish government will also
appoint a committee of investiga-
tion in the Maine affair, which,
following their old policy of delay,
will take their time in their work. It will
give a decision, of course, contrary to
the American board.

The question will then probably be sub-
mitted to a technical board of arbitra-
tion, and in the meantime the affair of
the Maine, like the Ruiz case and other
American claims, will drag on, which is
the victory which Spanish diplomacy has
always won over the American.

WILL RETURN TO HAVANA.

The Board of Inquiry Finishes Its
Work at Key West.

Key West, March 2.—The Board of In-
quiry finished its work here this after-
noon, when a general muster of all the
survivors was held at the barracks. The
commission is expected to return to Ha-
vana after the funeral of the members
of the crew whose bodies are expected
here tomorrow on the coast survey vessel
Bache.

Survivors of the Maine expect to be
ordered North when the investigating
commission has finished its examination.
Probably it will leave on Friday.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

Fatal Termination of Play Around
a Bonfire.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., March 2.—Louis,
the three-year-old son of Louis Kurz, a
painter, met a frightful death yesterday
at his home in Vernon Park.

The boy's father lighted a bonfire to
burn up some rubbish. While he went
into the house the child went too near
the burning pile and was instantly in
flames. Screams of the other children in
the yard attracted the attention of Mr.
and Mrs. Kurz, who tore the burning
clothes from the little one's body, but not
until he was fatal burned. The child died
in a few hours.

A SUFFERER FROM MELANCHOLY.

Mrs. Nellie B. Morrison Commits
Suicide at Her Home.

South Windham, Conn., March 2.—Mrs.
Nellie B. Morrison, wife of Walter G.
Morrison, of the Atwood-Morrison Ma-
chine Company, committed suicide at
their palatial residence at Windham
this morning.

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ciently grave now, without adding to it
by expressions of opinion. Each said,
(Continued on sixth page.)

THE M'KINLEY BLIGHT

Has It Fallen Upon Democratic
Members?

A Report to the Effect That Certain
Members of the Minority Are
Afraid Lest the Prosecution of
a Successful War by Republicans
Would Injure Democrats.

It is generally conceded by members of
Congress that Secretary Long never
made a more unpopular statement than
the one he uttered Tuesday respecting
the elimination of Spain from responsi-
bility for the Maine disaster. The most
conservative of the members freely con-
demn the utterances of the Secretary of
the Navy as having been unequalled for
and unwarranted. They said yesterday
that they did not care to criticize the
Secretary because of his remarks, for
they supposed he represented the views
of the President, but when pressed for an
opinion some of the Republican mem-
bers reluctantly admitted that it did not
seem to be proper for a member of the
Cabinet to anticipate in a matter of such
vital importance the report of a Court of
Inquiry, which had been officially desig-
nated to determine the facts of the case.

Some Democrats also declined to ex-
press any decided views in this connec-
tion, and these refusals had the effect of
confirming a rumor that prevailed about
the Capitol to the effect that some of the
leaders in the party had advised all Demo-
crats to refrain from political reasons from
giving any evidence of being in sympathy
with a war movement against Spain. It
was said yesterday that some Democrats
had become so lost to national honor that
they had during the week calculated the
effect that a war with Spain would have
on the Congressional elections next fall,
and that the conclusion reached was that
therefore nothing should be said or done
by Democrats that would in any respect
encourage war sentiment.

It seems to be the belief of these mem-
bers that it is better politics for them to
let the Republicans proceed in their
"peace-at-any-price" policy, and then to
take advantage of the intense disgust of
the people at such an un-American policy
and appeal for their votes next Novem-
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INSULT ADDED TO INJURY.

Enlist Permits His Sailors to Snub
Captain Sigbee.

Havana, March 2.—A somewhat disa-
graceful incident happened today when
Capt. Sigbee visited the Spanish cruiser
Vizcaya. This morning Capt. Enlist,
commander of the Vizcaya, visited the
Fern to call on Capt. Sigbee. He was
courteously received, and two hours
later Capt. Sigbee visited the Vizcaya
to return the call. He was accompanied
by Ensign Bookwalter.

Capt. Sigbee and his officers, as is well
known, lost their uniforms in the calas-
tropes of the Maine. He and Ensign
Bookwalter were in civilian attire.
Though Capt. Enlist learned this fact
when he visited the Fern, it appears
that he forgot to notify his crew, so
when Capt. Sigbee and Ensign Book-
walter reached the Vizcaya the Spanish
sentinel refused to let them board the
vessel.

Much conversation ensued in broken
Spanish and English. At last the Spanish
sailor asked for the captain's card.
Capt. Sigbee handed him a card, and
the sailor, who had no cards with him,
and so he took one of Ensign
Bookwalter's cards and wrote a few lines
on it. The card was finally
sent in, and then the order was given to
permit the American officers to pass.

Of course, Capt. Sigbee kept a cool
head, even when the sentinel repeatedly
assured him that Capt. Enlist was "not
in" in accordance with the directions he
had received.

HANNA'S FOES COFER.

Foraker, Kurtz and McKisson Hold
a Consultation in Cleveland.

Cleveland, March 2.—Senator Foraker,
Charles S. Kurtz and Mayor McKisson
held a conference last night at the South-
ern Hotel in Columbus, and did not sepa-
rate until this morning. The fact that
these men met after the senate bribery
committee is regarded here as significant.
The anti-Hanna Republicans are anx-
ious to have Senator Hanna on the floor
of the Senate, and Foraker is supposed
to have been made acquainted last night
with the plans developed by the investi-
gating committee.

AMERICAN TRADE ACTIVE.

Holds Its Own Against Strong Inter-
national Competition.

Tien Tsin, March 2.—The special corre-
spondent of a news agency, who has ar-
rived here from Shanghai, says that he
has been impressed by the greater ex-
tensiveness of international competition here
than in Shanghai.

The Germans are numerous and pros-
perous, and they secure numerous govern-
ment contracts for arms and general
material. American trade is very four-
ishing, owing to the system of through
freights, which enables Americans to
compete successfully with their British
rivals.

Liberal Majority of Five.

Toronto, March 2.—Full returns of yes-
terday's election were received today,
showing that the Hardy Liberal govern-
ment has a clear majority over all par-
ties of at least five, and by the time the
legislature meets they will probably have
increased this by two or three more.

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Palace and Demand Assurances—
Notwithstanding Their Insubordi-
nation They Are Treated With
Consideration—Members of the
Colonial Cabinet and Their Fam-
ilies Panic Stricken—Riots Im-
minent and the Captain General
Helpless.

Havana, via Key West, March 2.—The
excitement in Havana tonight is intense
and we are probably on the eve of an
uprising of the Spanish volunteers against
General Blanco and the colonial cabinet.
The members of the cabinet and their
families are panic-stricken.

General Blanco has taken strong mili-
tary precautions to cope with the revolt
if it comes, but today the attitude of the
volunteers was so threatening that he im-
mediately became conciliatory in order
to prevent bloodshed. This exhibition of
weakness on his part will probably lessen
his authority.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the colonels
and all the principal officers of the vol-
unteers met at the Military Circle and
held a stormy meeting. The colonels had
called the meeting to take action in view
of the statement made in the newspaper
Cuba, which is printed in New York in
Spanish and supports the autonomist
policy, that the government had in
view to disarm the volunteers.

It was also declared at the meeting
that Senor Govin, a member of the
colonial cabinet, was heartily in favor of
the idea. The meeting was very stormy
and violent speeches were made against
the government, urging the volunteers to
resist any measure depriving them of
their arms.